

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method for retrieving and presenting data from a target system, comprising:
 - receiving target system information from the target system;
 - retrieving a set of object description files corresponding to the target system information;
 - sending to a client a set of objects supported based on the set of object description files retrieved;
 - receiving a selected object from the client;
 - selecting one of the set of object description files corresponding to the selected object;
 - retrieving one of a set of data retrieval programs corresponding to the target system information;
 - retrieving object data about the selected object using the retrieved one of the set of data retrieval programs;
 - decoding the object data about the user selected object using the selected one of the set of object description files corresponding to the selected object to form decoded object data; and
 - sending the decoded object data and a presentation format to the client allowing the client to be data driven.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the target system information includes a processor type of the target system and an operating system type of the target system.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the set of object description files is a set of XML object description files and the set of data retrieval programs is a set of Gopher programs.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein retrieving the set of object description files corresponding to the target system information includes retrieving the set of XML object description files corresponding to the operating system type of the target system.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein retrieving the set of object description files corresponding to the target system information includes retrieving a set of user-defined XML object description files corresponding to the operating system type of the target system.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the selected object is received from the client using an application programming interface.
7. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein retrieving one of the set of data retrieval programs corresponding to the target system information includes retrieving one of the set of Gopher programs corresponding to the processor type of the target system.
8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein retrieving the object data about the selected object includes passing the retrieved one of the set of Gopher programs through a target interface to retrieve the object data for the selected object from the target system.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the client is an object browser.
10. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the set of XML object description files is stored in an XML object database and the set of Gopher programs is stored in the XML object database.
11. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the set of object description files is a set of XML object description files and the set of data retrieval programs is a set of data extraction routines.
12. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein accessing the object database to retrieve one of a set of data retrieval programs corresponding to the target system information includes accessing the object description module to retrieve one of the set of data extraction routines corresponding to the processor type of the target system.
13. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein retrieving the object data about the selected object includes passing the retrieved one of the set of data extraction routines through a target interface to retrieve the object data for the selected object from the target system.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the set of XML object description files is stored in an object description module and the set of data retrieval programs is stored in the object description module.

Claims 15-34 (Canceled).

35. (Original) A device comprising:

- a medium; and

- a set of instructions recorded on the medium;

- wherein the set of instructions, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to:
 - receive target system information from the target system;

- retrieve a set of object description files corresponding to the target system information;

- send to a client a set of objects supported based on the set of object description files retrieved;

- receive a selected object from the client;

- select one of the set of object description files corresponding to the selected object;

- retrieve one of a set of data retrieval programs corresponding to the target system information;

- retrieve object data about the selected object using the retrieved one of the set of data retrieval programs;

- decode the object data about the user selected object using the selected one of the set of object description files corresponding to the selected object to form decoded object data; and

- send the decoded object data and a presentation format to the client allowing the client to be data driven.